



NOT FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES



LAKE NIPPENICKET (Bridgewater)

General Information:

This 354-acre warm water lake is located about a half mile west of Route 24. Bordering on the Hockomock Swamp, it is a headwater of the Town River. The wetlands stain the water like tea, and as a result, transparency is limited to only two and a half feet. Depth averages less than three feet and maximum depth is only six feet. The bottom is predominantly sand, but aquatic vegetation is abundant, particularly in the north end. Less than half of the shoreline has been lost to residential and cottage development.

There are two boat ramps on this lake. One ramp, just off Pleasant Street, is paved and has a large parking lot. The other launching area is located off Elm Street and is suitable only for car top boats and canoes. Shoreline fishing is limited to the areas adjacent to the launching ramps.

This lake was reclaimed in 1957.

Fish Populations:

The fish population was most recently studied during a 1978 summer survey. Ten species were collected: largemouth bass, chain pickerel, yellow perch, black crappie, pumpkinseed, bluegill, golden shiner, white sucker, brown bullhead and alewife (sea-run). Tiger muskie has been stocked since the survey was conducted.

Fishing:

This pond offers good fishing for an assortment of warm water species. Bass anglers will particularly enjoy the abundant structure in this lake. Panfishing should also be good, as the yellow perch and black crappie ("calicos") are large and fairly abundant. When ice conditions are safe, this lake produces good yellow perch catches and an occasional lunker pickerel. Tiger muskies, stocked here in 1980 and 1986, offer the possibility of hooking a gamefish that may weigh ten pounds or more.

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